

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW  
CLASS SPECIFICATION**

<b>Position Title:</b> Tree Trimmer I Tree Trimmer II	<b>Job Family:</b> 6
<b>General Classification:</b> Front-Line	<b>Job Grade:</b> 12 16

**Definition:** To perform a variety of duties in the trimming, pruning, planting, and removing of street and park trees.

**Distinguishing Characteristics:**

Tree Trimmer I: This is the entry-level classification of the Tree Trimmer series. This class is distinguished from the Tree Trimmer IIs by the performance of the more routine tasks and duties assigned to positions with this series. Employees at this level are not expected to perform with the same independence of direction and judgment on matters related to established procedures and guidelines as are positions allocated to the II level. Employees work under immediate supervision while learning job tasks.

Tree Trimmer II: This is the full journey-level class within the Tree Trimmer series. Employees within this class are distinguished from Tree Trimmer Is by the performance of the full range of duties as assigned. Employees at this level receive only occasional instruction or assistance as new or unusual situations arise and are fully aware of the operating procedures and policies within the work unit.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Tree Trimmer I

Receives immediate supervision from the Tree Supervisor/Arborist; technical supervision may be provided by other higher-level tree trimmer personnel.

Tree Trimmer II

Receives general supervision from the Tree Supervisor/Arborist; may exercise technical supervision over other tree trimmer personnel as assigned.

**Examples of Duties:** Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Trim, prune, plant and otherwise maintain street and park trees, working from the ground and bucket truck.
2. Use small power equipment and hand tools to cut and trim trees.
3. Set up the work site in a safe, efficient manner.

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4. Load brush, logs and leaves into trucks.
5. Maintain current knowledge of tree identification and common pests and diseases.
6. Operate tree trimming equipment.
7. Tie and stake small trees.
8. Maintain equipment, chain saws and hand saws.
9. Perform other duties as assigned.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

Tree Trimmer I

Knowledge of: The kinds and characteristics of the common shade and ornamental trees used in the parks and parkway areas; the method and equipment used in planting, pruning, trimming and removing trees; and safe work practices and policies.

Ability to: Learn to climb trees; use power saws, shears, axes, pruning hooks, and other standard tree trimming tools and equipment; understand and follow written and oral directions; operate heavy equipment (bucket truck, tractor, fork lift, water tanker)/vehicles safely; establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work; and maintain tree trimming tools and equipment.

**Experience and Training Guidelines:** Any combination of experience and training will qualify if it provides for the required knowledge and abilities.

Recommended: One year of park or landscape maintenance experience. Training equivalent to the completion of the 12th grade.

**Required Licenses or Certificates:** Possession of a valid California Class C driver's license. Possession of a valid California Class B driver's license may be required by the position within six months of appointment.

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## Tree Trimmer II

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

In addition to the requirements for Tree Trimmer I:

Knowledge of: Principles and practices of arboricultural techniques and standards; how to use ladders and lines in tree work; techniques for using the bucket truck in trimming and pruning trees; and appropriate cuts to be made based on type of tree.

Ability to: Climb around any tree that is in need of trimming and pruning; and remove broken limbs in trees.

**Experience and Training Guidelines:** Any combination of experience and training will qualify if it provides for the required knowledge and abilities.

Recommended: Two years of experience performing duties comparable to that of a Tree Trimmer I. Training equivalent to the completion of the 12th grade. ISA Arborist Certificate is preferred.

**Required Licenses or Certificates:** Possession of a valid California Class C driver's license. Ability to obtain a valid California Class B driver's license within six months of appointment. Possession of a valid California Class A driver's license may be required of some assignments. Possession of, or ability to obtain, a California Certified Pesticide Applicator license may be required of the position.

**Working Conditions:** Preemployment and periodic respiratory examinations may be required for this classification.

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